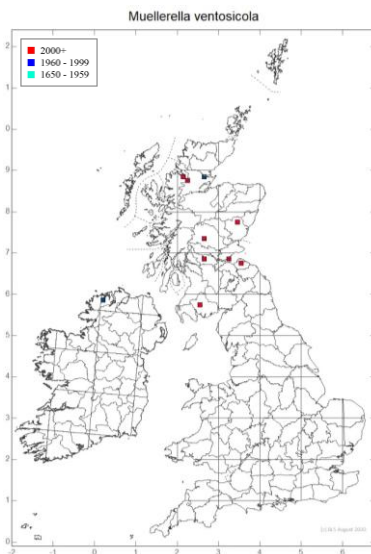
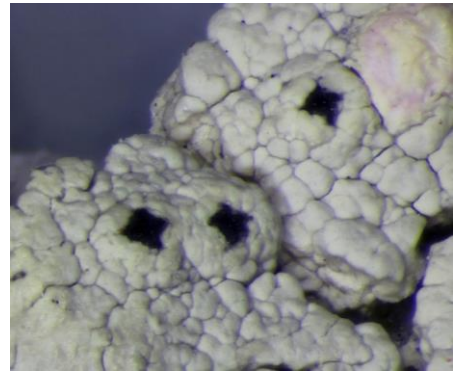


# Muellerella ventosicola



**Identification:** This fungus appears to cause little damage to the thallus of its host. It forms immersed, black perithecia in the host thallus. The perithecia can be seen as black, sometimes stellate, dots, often with a raised ring of host tissue around them. The asci are club-shaped and contain 64 brown, two-celled ascospores.

**Similar species:** The black pycnidia of the host are smaller with colourless rod-shaped conidia and do not contain asci. *Polycoccum ventosicola* occurs in Norway. This forms black perithecia with asci containing only eight brown, two-celled ascospores.

**Habitat:** On the thallus of *Ophioparma ventosa*. Records on other hosts may refer to a different fungus.

**Distribution:** In addition to the Scottish records shown on the map, this fungus has now been recorded from SW England and Cumbria.

**References:** <http://fungi.myspecies.info/all-fungi/muellerella-ventosicola>